

What is claimed is:

1. A recording medium including recorded data, comprising:

copy protection indicating information indicating whether or not the recording medium contains copy protection information for use in decrypting the recorded data, wherein the copy protection indicating information and/or the copy protection information are recorded in wobbled pre-pit pattern on an area of the recording medium.
2. The recording medium according to claim 1, wherein the data is reproduced utilizing the copy protection information if the recording medium contains copy protection information for use in decrypting the data, or the data is reproduced directly without utilizing the copy protection information, if the recording medium does not contain copy protection information for use in decrypting the data.
3. The recording medium according to claim 2, wherein the recording medium does not contain copy protection information for use in decrypting the data if the copy protection indicating information indicates the recording medium does not contain copy protection information.
4. The recording medium according to claim 2, wherein the recording medium does not contain copy protection information for use in decrypting the data if the copy protection indicating information indicates the recording medium contains copy protection information, but a value of the copy protection information indicates that copy protection information is not present.

5. The recording medium according to claim 2, wherein the recording medium contains copy protection information for use in decrypting the data when the copy protection indicating information indicates the recording medium contains copy protection information and a value of the copy protection information indicates that copy protection information is present.

6. The recording medium according to claim 5, wherein decrypting the data utilizing the copy protection information precedes playback of the data.

7. A method of forming a recording medium, comprising:

forming a recordable area for storing recorded data;

forming an area on the recording medium for storing copy protection indicating information indicating whether or not the recording medium contains copy protection information for use in decrypting the recorded data, wherein the copy protection indicating information and/or the copy protection information are formed as wobbled pre-pit pattern on an area of the recording medium.

8. The method according to claim 7, wherein the data may be reproduced utilizing the copy protection information if the recording medium contains copy protection information for use in decrypting the data, or the data may be reproduced directly without utilizing the copy protection information, if the recording medium does not contain copy protection information for use in decrypting the data.

9. The method according to claim 8, wherein the recording medium does not contain copy protection information for use in decrypting the data if the copy protection indicating information indicates the recording medium does not contain copy protection information.

10. The method according to claim 8, wherein the recording medium does not contain copy protection information for use in decrypting the data if the copy protection indicating information indicates the recording medium contains copy protection information, but a value of the copy protection information indicates that copy protection information is not present.

11. The method according to claim 8, wherein the recording medium contains copy protection information for use in decrypting the data when the copy protection indicating information indicates the recording medium contains copy protection information and a value of the copy protection information indicates that copy protection information is present.

12. The method according to claim 11, wherein decrypting the data utilizing the copy protection information precedes playback of the data.

13. A method of reproducing data from a recording medium, comprising:
utilizing copy protection indicating information to indicate whether or not the recording medium contains copy protection information for use in decrypting the data, to reproduce the data, wherein the copy protection indicating information and/or the

copy protection information are recorded in wobbled pre-pit pattern on an area of the recording medium.

14. The method according to claim 13, further comprising reproducing the data utilizing the copy protection information if the recording medium contains copy protection information for use in decrypting the data, or reproducing the data directly without utilizing the copy protection information, if the recording medium does not contain copy protection information for use in decrypting the data.

15. The method according to claim 14, wherein the recording medium does not contain copy protection information for use in decrypting the data if the copy protection indicating information indicates the recording medium does not contain copy protection information.

16. The method according to claim 14, wherein the recording medium does not contain copy protection information for use in decrypting the data if the copy protection indicating information indicates the recording medium contains copy protection information, but a value of the copy protection information indicates that copy protection information is not present.

17. The method according to claim 14, wherein the recording medium contains copy protection information for use in decrypting the data when the copy protection indicating information indicates the recording medium contains copy protection information and a value of the copy protection information indicates that

copy protection information is present.

18. The method according to claim 17, wherein said playing includes decrypting the data utilizing the copy protection information.

19. A method for playing data of a recording medium, comprising:

detecting copy protection indicating information indicating whether or not the recording medium contains copy protection information for use in decrypting the data, wherein the copy protection indicating information and/or the copy protection information are recorded in wobbled pre-pit pattern on an area of the recording medium; and

playing the data utilizing the copy protection information if the recording medium contains copy protection information for use in decrypting the data, or playing the data directly without utilizing the copy protection information, if the recording medium does not contain copy protection information for use in decrypting the data, based on the detected copy protection indicating information.

20. The method according to claim 19, wherein the recording medium does not contain copy protection information for use in decrypting the data if the copy protection indicating information indicates the recording medium does not contain copy protection information.

21. The method according to claim 19, wherein the recording medium does not contain copy protection information for use in decrypting the data if the copy

protection indicating information indicates the recording medium contains copy protection information, but a value of the copy protection information indicates that copy protection information is not present.

22. The method according to claim 19, wherein the recording medium contains copy protection information for use in decrypting the data when the copy protection indicating information indicates the recording medium contains copy protection information and a value of the copy protection information indicates that copy protection information is present.

23. The method according to claim 22, wherein said playing includes decrypting the data utilizing the copy protection information.

24. A method of recording data on a recording medium, comprising:
utilizing copy protection indicating information to indicate whether or not the recording medium contains copy protection information for use in decrypting the data ,wherein the copy protection indicating information and/or the copy protection information are recorded in wobbled pre-pit pattern on an area of the recording medium.

25. The method according to claim 24, wherein the data may be reproduced utilizing the copy protection information if the recording medium contains copy protection information for use in decrypting the data, or the data may be reproduced directly without utilizing the copy protection information, if the recording medium

does not contain copy protection information for use in decrypting the data.

26. The method according to claim 25, wherein the recording medium does not contain copy protection information for use in decrypting the data if the copy protection indicating information indicates the recording medium does not contain copy protection information.

27. The method according to claim 25, wherein the recording medium does not contain copy protection information for use in decrypting the data if the copy protection indicating information indicates the recording medium contains copy protection information, but a value of the copy protection information indicates that copy protection information is not present.

28. The method according to claim 25, wherein the recording medium contains copy protection information for use in decrypting the data when the copy protection indicating information indicates the recording medium contains copy protection information and a value of the copy protection information indicates that copy protection information is present.

29. The method according to claim 28, wherein decrypting the data utilizing the copy protection information precedes playback of the data.

30. An apparatus for reproducing data from a recording medium, said apparatus utilizing copy protection indicating information to determine whether or not

the recording medium contains copy protection information for use in decrypting the data, to reproduce the data based on the copy protection indicating information and the copy protection information, wherein the copy protection indicating information and/or the copy protection information are recorded in wobbled pre-pit pattern on an area of the recording medium.

31. The apparatus according to claim 30, wherein said apparatus reproduces the data utilizing the copy protection information if the recording medium contains copy protection information for use in decrypting the data, or reproduces the data directly without utilizing the copy protection information, if the recording medium does not contain copy protection information for use in decrypting the data.

32. The apparatus according to claim 31, wherein said apparatus determines the recording medium does not contain copy protection information for use in decrypting the data if the copy protection indicating information indicates the recording medium does not contain copy protection information.

33. The apparatus according to claim 31, wherein said apparatus determines the recording medium does not contain copy protection information for use in decrypting the data if the copy protection indicating information indicates the recording medium contains copy protection information, but a value of the copy protection information indicates that copy protection information is not present.

34. The apparatus according to claim 31, wherein said apparatus determines the recording medium contains copy protection information for use in decrypting the data when the copy protection indicating information indicates the recording medium contains copy protection information and a value of the copy protection information indicates that copy protection information is present.

35. The apparatus according to claim 34, wherein said apparatus decrypts the data utilizing the copy protection information.

36. An apparatus for reproducing data from a recording medium, comprising:
a detector detecting signals recorded on the recording medium, the signal including copy protection indicating information to determine whether or not the recording medium contains copy protection information for use in decrypting the data, wherein the copy protection indicating information and/or the copy protection information are recorded in wobbled pre-pit pattern on an area of the recording medium ; and

a signal processor for playing the data utilizing the copy protection information if the recording medium contains copy protection information for use in decrypting the data, or playing the data directly without utilizing the copy protection information, if the recording medium does not contain copy protection information for use in decrypting the data based on the copy protection indicating information.

37. The apparatus according to claim 36, wherein said signal processor determines the recording medium does not contain copy protection information for

use in decrypting the data if the copy protection indicating information indicates the recording medium does not contain copy protection information.

38. The apparatus according to claim 36, wherein said signal processor determines the recording medium does not contain copy protection information for use in decrypting the data if the copy protection indicating information indicates the recording medium contains copy protection information, but a value of the copy protection information indicates that copy protection information is not present.

39. The apparatus according to claim 36, wherein said signal processor determines the recording medium contains copy protection information for use in decrypting the data when the copy protection indicating information indicates the recording medium contains copy protection information and a value of the copy protection information indicates that copy protection information is present.

40. The apparatus according to claim 39, wherein said signal processor decrypts the data utilizing the copy protection information.